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Applicants: Manfred Heinritz et al.
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 26, 2004
("Notice"), please amend the application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.